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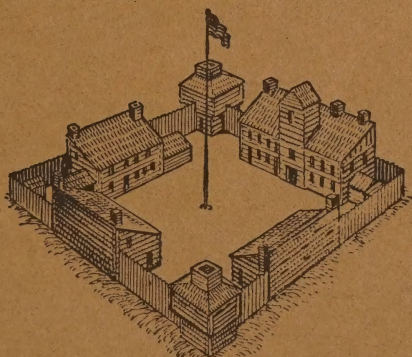
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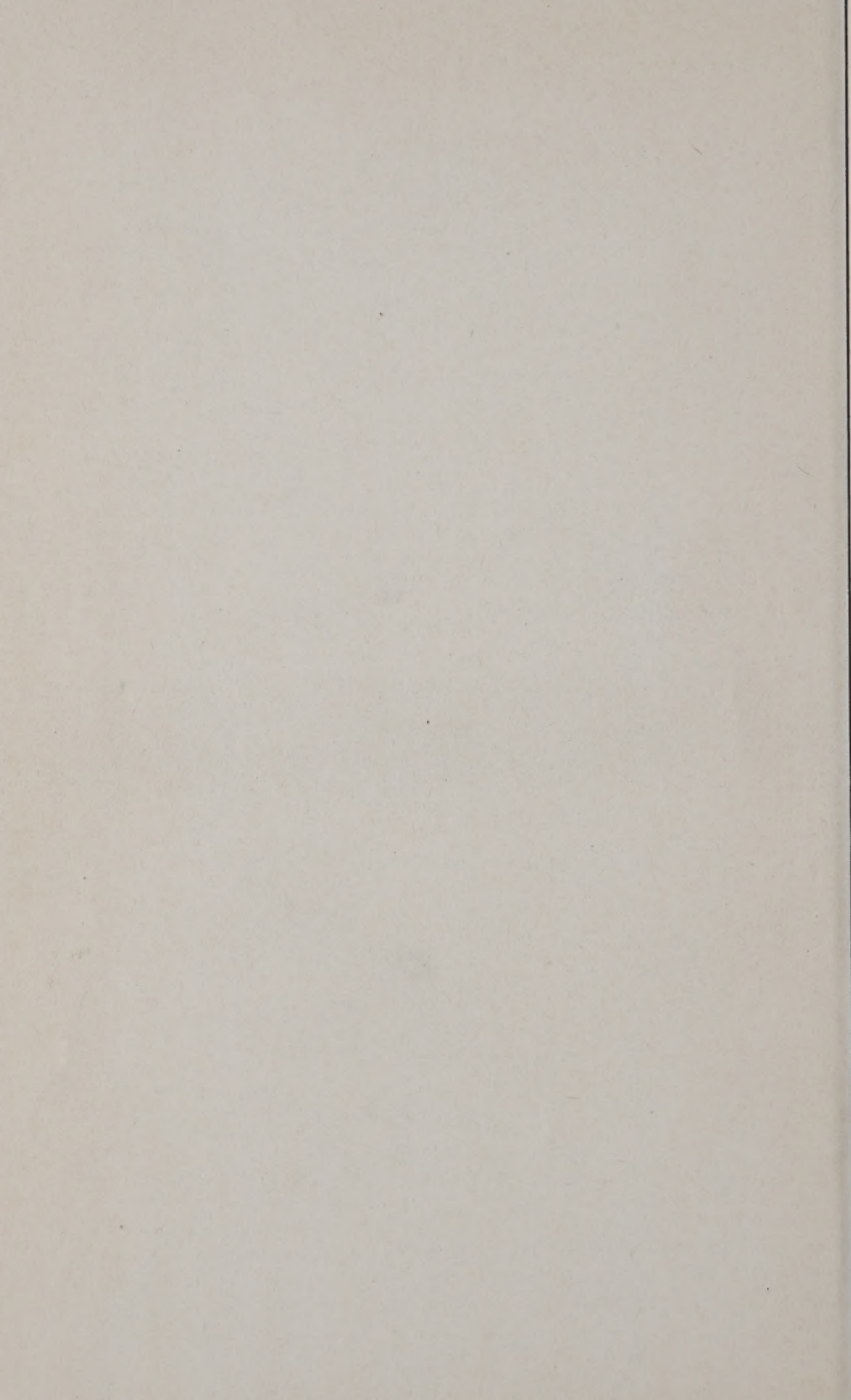
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to revive a local interest in the life of John Chapman, better known by his more colorful name.

In 1930, Henry H. Pershing wrote a historical romance, entitled, *Johnny Appleseed and His Time*, which stated on its title page that it was the first complete biography of Chapman ever printed. The book was dedicated to the late Kate Milner Rabb, well-known Hoosier writer, who suggested to Mr. Pershing that he write the Appleseed story.

The fact that the wandering horticulturist made Fort Wayne and its environs the center of his nursery projects during the latter part of his life, and the more important historical evidence that he died and lies buried in Fort Wayne, is of sufficient importance to cause his name to be revered by the citizens of the community.

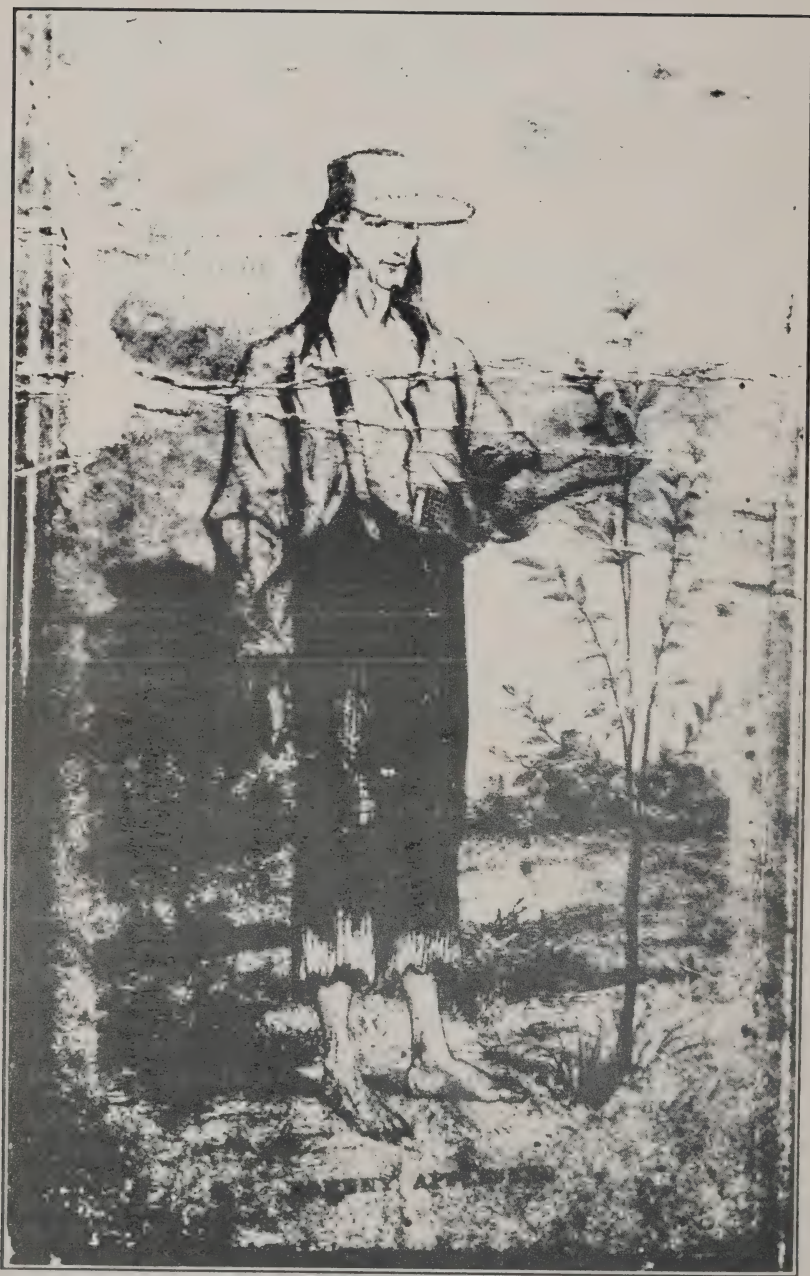
Increasing interest in the Chapman episodes caused the Common Council of the city of Fort Wayne, on August 14, 1934, to create the Johnny Appleseed Memorial Commission. The group originally consisted of William Fruechtenicht, Dr. Victor Hilgemann, D. N. Foster, and Robert C. Harris. A few months after the commission was named, Charles E. Moellering was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of D. N. Foster. Upon Mr. Moellering's death Harry Hamm replaced him as the councilman member of the commission. Mr. Fruechtenicht has served as president of the commission and Mr. Harris as its secretary.

Robert C. Harris has been a most ardent and persistent disciple of Chapman and through his efforts most of the documents reproduced in this bulletin were directly or indirectly discovered and made available for publication. They are presented with little comment by the compiler, inviting future biographers of Chapman to draw their own conclusion in evaluating their contents.

Mr. Harris is recognized as one of the best informed men in the country on the authentic history of John Chapman, and has visited nearly every spot where Chapman is known to have resided. He is principal of the James H. Smart School, vice-president and member of the executive committee of the Allen County Historical Society. He has written two arithmetics; High School Arithmetic and Grade School Arithmetic (advanced). Mr. Harris is also an inventor with several valuable patents and inventions to his credit.

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Here in the Archer graveyard at the north edge of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is the grave of Johnny Appleseed, whose real name was John Chapman, born September 26, 1774, died March 18, 1845. He came to this locality about the year of 1830 and spent the most of the last 15 years of his life in and around Fort Wayne.

Johnny Appleseed won renown by a few simple and helpful acts: .

1. He was a peacemaker between the Indians and white settlers.
2. He was a missionary for the Church of New Jerusalem, founded by Emanuel Swedenborg.
3. Perhaps the most important of all, was his distribution of apple trees to the early settlers.

He would secure permission to use a small patch of ground where he would plant appleseeds. Later, he would return, give some of the trees to the owner of the ground and then distribute the rest to other settlers.

Johnny Appleseed was also an owner of property. His estate papers show that he owned four pieces of real estate: forty acres of land about 10 miles northwest of Fort Wayne, forty-two acres on the Maumee ten miles down the river from Fort Wayne, eighteen and one-half acres at Ox-Bow Bend near the Ohio-Indiana line, 99.03 acres one-half mile from the Indiana-Ohio line on the Maumee. There was another 74 acres of land in Jay County on the Wabash River one-half mile west of the Indiana-Ohio line. These properties were along rivers, canals or main highways.

Markers and memorials to the memory of Johnny Appleseed are located at: (1) Copus Monument, Ashland Co., near Mifflin, Ohio; (2) Mansfield, Ohio; (3) Ashland, Ohio; (4) Swinney Park, Fort Wayne, Ind.; (5) Apple Trees, Thatcher Woods, Chicago; (6) Springfield, Mass.; (7) Leominster, Mass.; (8) Jr. High School, Mansfield, Ohio; (9) Apple tree planted by Johnny Appleseed at Defiance, Ohio.

The iron fence which surrounds his grave here was a gift of Stephen Fleming of Fort Wayne. The granite boulder at the head of his grave was placed there by the Optimist Club and James Menefee of Fort Wayne.

The first popular biographical sketch of John Chapman was published in the Fort Wayne Sentinel October 21 and 23, 1871 by John W. Dawson (1820-1877) who came to Fort Wayne in 1838. He knew Johnny Appleseed personally and was 25 years of age when Johnny Appleseed died. Mr. Dawson was 51 years of age when this article was written October 20, 1871.

Abraham Lincoln appointed him territorial governor of Utah in 1860. At the end of his services as governor of Utah, Mr. Dawson returned to Fort Wayne to take up law and newspaper work. He wrote many articles on the early history of Fort Wayne during the time he was owner and editor of the Fort Wayne Times.

Information which aided me in locating the Dawson article in Fort Wayne Public Library which appears as Exhibit A in this Source Book was secured from William A. Duff, of Ashland, Ohio.

EXHIBIT A—1871

JOHNNY APPLESEED—DAWSON

The November issue of *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* contains a story from the pen of Wm. D. Haley, concerning a cosmopolitan who among the pioneers of Allen County and of Fort Wayne was well known, and whose eccentricities made him an anomaly. These were seen so often and his dress became so familiar, that for the time being he was regarded with little interest; but as time has crowded the period in which he lived and the incidents then transpiring so far into the past, the hero of this story and his eccentricities are become history, and as such the fresh, living and enterprising generation loves to draw them from the faded memories of those whose lives embrace a part of two important periods in the history of the place.

The drapery of the picture which Mr. Haley has offered in *Harper*, is natural and rich, his wood-cut representations of the hero well conceived, and, taken altogether, his story is as accurate as it was possible for one to make it who was not personally acquainted with the hero, and familiar with the whole scope of country embraced in his wanderings, and with his property, and not the least the circumstances of his death and burial.

Mr. Haley introduces Johnny Appleseed as having the true patronymic of Jonathan Chapman in which he is mistaken. His name was *John Chapman*, as I find in looking over the papers of his estate which was settled in the Probate Court of this county. For instance, two notes were filed against his estate. One dated at Franklin, supposed to be on the Great Miami River, Ohio, February, 1804, payable to Nathaniel Chapman, one year after said date for \$100—"in apple trees or land." The other \$100 payable to some minor children named Rudd of the Commonwealth of Mass., when they became of age, both of which were signed by John Chapman. And indeed better evidence of his name was to be found in the purchases of land which he made in this county, as well as in Adams and Jay counties. The muniments of title, which he held were in the name of John Chapman.

He had a sister in Adams or Jay county, married to a man, whose name I, trusting to memory, will call Broom, and who was living probably at his death.

In the particulars of his name, and that he never owned any real estate, save a piece of land in Ohio, and the time of his coming to the Maumee Valley, and the date of his death, Mr. Haley is much at fault—otherwise probably right.

John Chapman came here long before 1838, as Mr. Haley states it; but the exact period is not known. One gentleman, a pioneer of this place, fixes it as early as 1825—others some later; but certain is it, that in 1830, he was seen one autumn day, seated in a section of a hollow tree which he improvised for a boat laden with apple seeds fresh from the cider presses of a more eastern part of the country, paddling up the Maumee river, and landing at Wayne's fort, at the foot of Main street, Fort Wayne. He kept the seed wet for preservation. His boat was daubed with mud and tree-moss, and looked quite in comport with his rough garb, untidy appearance and eccentric habits. His vade mecum was his New Testament and a few volumes concerning the Church of the New Jerusalem, founded by Emanuel Swedenborg, a Swedish Baron in the eighteenth century. His wardrobe was on his person—and was so scanty that he appeared

as a beggar. His foot-gear generally consisted of odd shoes—or a shoe and a boot—now and then only one foot covered, the other bare, to chastise it for a transgression, as he declared. His head-gear rarely ever alike for a long time—sometimes a crownless hat, limbered with rough usage, which he often ran his hand through and carried on his arm—sometimes a tin vessel worn on his head, which he used to cook his frugal meals in, and sometimes another hat which had a crown, and which he wore over the first and the tin vessel—and in the crown of which thus rested over the two, he carried his testament and Swedenborgian books which latter as they were replenished, he said, contained "news fresh from Heaven," and which he was ever ready to read from—always reclining on the floor or ground, to those who stopped to listen to him or who expressed a desire to hear new tidings fresh from Heaven. . . .

He devoutly believed that his physical mortifications on earth insured him a greater fullness of celestial bliss; hence his self-denial as to personal comforts and wants, even such, in very many instances, as were necessities to give sustenance to the body, and protection against the rude inclemencies of the seasons and against the envenomed bite of the reptiles that lay in his pathway, or crept stealthily upon his repose in the wilderness.

In the autumn of 1830, on his arrival here in his rude boat laden with apple-seeds, he planted a nursery on what was then called the Taylor farm, near the canal lock, just east of this city—another at that time, perhaps on the Taber farm, now called, just below the city on the north side of the River Maumee, and then taking a quantity of apple-seed he journeyed to Elkhart prairie, near Goshen, now; and there, he said, planted another nursery and returned here. How soon thereafter, or whether before, he planted the one on the south bank of the Maumee river, about ten miles from here, in Milan township, is unknown; but it was long prior to 1838, for in the autumn of that year, I passed down that river in company with Col. John Spencer, now deceased, crossing that stream at its bend, and was shown by Col. S., the orchard which Johnny Appleseed, before that time, had planted—the trees in which told that they had been planted at least six or eight years before—the very nursery which was inventoried as of his personal estate, and which contained there 15,000 trees, and on his own land—a fraction. Another orchard he planted somewhat later on the St. Marys, about nine miles up from this city, south side. Another on the land of David Archer, now owned by Mr. Emanuel Rudisill, at the northwest corner of said land, on the St. Joseph road, and I have an indistinct recollection of having seen another about 1840, just below the village of Shanesville, where, or near where, Fort Adams once stood. When this latter was planted, whether before he made Fort Wayne his headquarters in 1830, and while he was roaming the wilds of Ohio, as spoken of by Mr. Haley it is perhaps not now known.

Mr. Haley has well described his personal appearance, his sharp voice, etc., and those who knew him here will know him by that description. But his garb was not always alike, and some have seen him in other garbs and under other circumstances than those noted by Mr. Haley, so that some would describe him in one way and some another. He very rarely ate at table with others, and never slept in a bed. He preferred to lie on the floor of a tavern or private house—always laid in the bar-room of a hotel, when stopping there, and, when necessary, kept fire during the night. Exceedingly penurious, he complained of tavern charges and thought a sixpence quite enough for a meal. At stated times he would work, often coming to this place at the season of corn gathering and

hiring to do that work. Capt. James Barnett, deceased, used to say that Johnny Appleseed was the best hand he hired to husk corn, and always gave the old pioneer a place to stay when he desired. This is no invidious mention, for there were many others who used to give him a place. John Rogers, Esq., now living and an octogenarian, Absalom Halcomb, now deceased, and others. He was regarded as a temperate man, and so he was, but occasionally he would take a dram of spirits to keep him a little warm, as he said. He did not believe in marriage on earth, but held that he was raising a girl to be his spiritual wife in the New Jerusalem, to gain which all his life was a sacrifice. On one occasion a gentleman now living, with whom he often lodged and ate, and who had a little daughter whom the old man fancied was asked by the old man if he would give him the child for his spiritual wife, and on thoughtlessly giving him his consent, Johnny regarded the bargain as sacred, and treated the child thereafter with much care. This, however was interrupted by an accident. A neighbor's children came over to see this child and others of the family, when the father told a little boy to kiss Johnny's girl, which he did in Johnny's presence. This was considered by Johnny as a violation of faith plighted by the father, and in anger declined to further care for his spiritual wife. The name of this boy I withhold, less a very worthy gentleman, long my friend, and high in the esteem of the people of this county, might be the subject of a joke. He is the husband and father now, and perhaps in no other instance has ever parted a man and wife, and this unconsciously.

Our hero may be considered as insane by those who never knew him, but while this was not true, his fanaticism made him a religious monomaniac. I have seen him under many circumstances at public meetings, in private talks, in courts of justice, and at religious meetings, and never heard a disorderly word fall from his lips. In the year 1841, at a camp meeting, the first, perhaps, ever held by the Methodists in this county—it was on the site of Lindenwood Cemetery, near a spring of water, on the north side—I saw him lying on the ground, near a large tree in good hearing of the pulpit; and I now have a vivid recollection of the earnest attention he gave to the eloquent words of the clergyman, who discoursed of that New Jerusalem, which our hero hoped to reach, and there carry on his now earthly occupation among the sacramental hosts around the throne of God.

The wood-cut in *Harper* which represents a well-fed and dressed preacher somewhere in Ohio discoursing eloquently against extravagance of dress, etc., and where Johnny Appleseed went forward and amazed the divine by presenting himself as "a primitive Christian," dressed in coffee-sack and barefoot—I say this represents a scene which actually transpired, and is confirmed by an incident which occurred at this place a little later. A certain Adam Payne, who was also an eccentric man, but in a different way, a preacher of a very illiterate kind, who wanted to appear a second Lorenzo Dow, in 1830 came to this city, and standing on a box on the northeast corner of Clinton and Columbia streets, announced himself thus: "Hear ye! Hear ye! I am now about to scold the devil." Having finished his *scold* Johnny Appleseed, being present, went forward and asked Mr. Payne if he recollected "the primitive Christian" which he had before seen in Mansfield, Ohio. Payne at once recognized him. Now, if this Rev. Adam Payne were the veritable itinerant missionary who appeared in Ohio and preached in Mansfield to an open-air congregation, as Mr. Haley has it, he certainly gives the picture too much color when he calls him the

"well-clothed missionary," for Adam Payne was as poor as Johnny Appleseed, of very plain dress, and wore long hair and a long beard; and, aside from tattered apparel, would have mated Johnny Appleseed very well.

Mr. Haley states the incident of Appleseed comforting the "itinerant missionary" toward the latter part of Johnny's career in Ohio; and this is confirmed by the incident of recognition related above as taking place at Fort Wayne, in the year 1830.

Right here a circumstance comes just in play to fix with some accuracy the time of Johnny's advent to this region. Adam Payne was a very near neighbor of my father—in fact the parents of Payne lived on our farm as early as 1816, in the county of Dearborn, Indiana, while the Indians were still numerous. He was given to eccentricities, and was an itinerant preacher, wore long beard and long hair, and some later than the period named, but before my memory, he and his parents emigrated to the wilds of western Illinois, and but little was heard from him for many years till one summer day in the year 1831, a steamboat landed at the wharf at Lawrenceburgh, on the Ohio River, and put off an aged couple and their scanty effects. I was then residing there with my brother-in-law, Col. Spencer, who at once recognized them as Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Sr. They were taken to my father's house in the country, where they were kept over a year, and then removed to the county asylum, where they died. From these old people it was ascertained that Adam Payne, their son, had been killed by the Indians, and his head severed from his body, and carried on a pole as a trophy. Those who may read this, and who are of forty-five years of age, will recollect what ravages were committed on western settlers by the Indians before the Black Hawk war of 1832. It was these depredations, and the loss of their son Adam, which caused these aged pilgrims to return to Dearborn county to die.

Adam Payne was here in 1830, and is known to have been killed by the Indians, and his body treated as above described, somewhere in the northern part of this State, soon after his visit here.

I have introduced this incident to give accuracy to the date of Appleseed's advent into the Maumee Valley; and this incident of Adam Payne's and Appleseed's meeting here to support the supposition that Payne was the identical itinerant missionary of whom Mr. Haley writes in *Harper*. If these circumstances do not fix it, the date then perhaps is lost. Still it is only essential as a bit of local history. For all that related to our hero in Ohio, and the relation of a beautiful story in elegant diction, refer the reader to *Harper's Monthly* for March, 1871.

Now to the close of Appleseed's life. Mr. Haley gives obituary thus: "In the summer of 1847, when his labors had literally extended over one hundred thousand square miles of territory, at the close of a warm day, after traveling twenty miles, he entered the house of a settler in Allen county, Indiana, and was as usual warmly welcomed. He declined to eat with the family, but accepted some bread and milk, which he partook of sitting on the door-step and gazing on the setting sun. Later in the evening he delivered "news fresh from Heaven," by reading the beatitudes. Declining other accommodation, he slept as usual, on the floor, and early in the morning he was found with his features all aglow with supernal light, and his body so near death that his tongue re-

fused its office, Thus died, &c." This is a beautiful close, Johnny Appleseed died on the 11th of March, 1845, at the house of William Worth, in St. Joseph township, Allen Co., Ind.. on the land now owned by Jesse Cole, on the Feeder canal, and was buried in a reasonable time thereafter, at the family burying ground set apart by David Archer, deceased, now owned by Mr. Emanuel Rudisill and may be seen by the passer up the towing path of the feeder, occupying a beautiful natural mound. At the east side of this mound, near its foot Johnny Appleseed was buried, and a stone was then put up to mark the spot, by our townsman, Saml. C. Fletter, who attended his dying hours, dressed his body, laid it out and made his coffin. These are indisputable, and are in general confirmed by the papers on file in the Probate Court.

Appleseed died with a disease then prevalent here, and commonly called the winter plague. His age I will give as seventy-two, according to Mr. Haley. His illness lasted about two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Worth were his friends, and had, long years before, given him a place in their cabin when he sought it. They too have long since died, leaving a name for hospitality and goodness.

Mr. Fletter tells me that Appleseed had on, when he died, next his body, a coarse coffee-sack, with a hole cut in the centre through which he passed his head. He had on the waists of four pairs of pants. These were cut off at the forks, ripped up at the sides and the fronts thrown away, saving the waistband attached to the hinder part. These hinder parts were buttoned around him, lapping like shingles so as to cover the whole lower part of his body, and over all these were drawn a pair of what was once pantaloons. In this garb he died as he had lived. Says Mr. Haley: "He never inflicted pain or knew an enemy, a man of strange habits in whom there dwelt a comprehensive love that reached with one hand downward to the lowest forms of life, and with the other upward to the very throne of God. A laboring, self-denying benefactor of his race, homeless, solitary and ragged, he trod the thorny earth with bare and bleeding feet, intent only on making the wilderness fruitful." Be not surprised—

"He loved and served his God."

His religious belief was then as now, peculiar—but since that period it has gained more strength. But we ought not, we cannot deprecate it, for it is the fruit of those seeds which were borne upon the wind from Wycliffe's rectory at Lutterworth, which abided in the earth as those of our Protestant religion, "until they have sprung into the stately growth of centuries."

Standing as we do now so far in advance of those times, and looking upon the results of our great civilization, and comparing them with those of centuries in the past, we fully partake of the inspiration of the past;

"We are living, we are acting.
In a grand and awful time.
In an age on ages telling—
To be living its sublime."

I have thus with a hurried pen given for local reading, what Mr. Haley has done with greater care and ability for national reading, and hope it will be received with allowance for unavoidable errors.

JOHN W. DAWSON.

Spy Run Avenue, Oct. 20, 1871.

(Fort Wayne Sentinel, October 21 and 23, 1871)

EXHIBIT B—1799

SIMONS FAMILY RECORDS

There has been preserved in the Records of the Simons or Simonds family the date of John Chapman's birth, and the names of his parents and other members of the immediate family.

"Simons or Simonds

Elizabeth, daughter of John and Anna, born Feb. 2, 1748 or 9.

Zebbede, son of John and Anna, born July 23, 1751.

Abigail, daughter of John and Anna, born Oct. 27, 1763.

Nathaniel Chapman and Elizabeth Simonds married February 7, 1770.
Children of Nathaniel and Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, born Nov. 18, 1770.

John, born Sept. 26, 1774.

Nathaniel, born June 26, 1776. (Died when six weeks old).

Elizabeth Simons Chapman died July 18, 1776.

Elizabeth Chapman and Nathaniel Rudd, Jr., married December, 1799."
—(Leominster Records, p. 127).

EXHIBIT C—1804

TWO CHAPMAN-HARPER NOTES

Copies of two notes filed in the Chapman estate papers were apparently not admitted for payment in the settling of the estate and should be displayed under the chronological arrangement for 1909. They were not in the handwriting of Chapman, but were submitted as copies.

"Franklin, February 4, 1804, for value received I promise to pay Nathaniel Chapman or order the sum of one hundred dollars in land or apple trees with interest till paid as witness my hand.

JOHN CHAPMAN.

"Adam Harper

"John Harper.

"Franklin, February 1, 1804, for value received I promise to pay Nathaniel and Elivoeth Rudd, children of Charlemont, in Massachusetts commonwealth the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid and interest till they become of age as witness my hand.

JOHN CHAPMAN.

"Adam Harper

"John Harper.

"Endorsement: Filed November 17, 1845. R. E. Fleming."

EXHIBIT D—1809

HOUSE LOTS IN MT. VERNON, OHIO

"On Thursday, September fourteenth, 1809 Joseph Walker sold lots num-

ber 145 and 147, on the west side of Market Street at Mt. Vernon to John Chapman for the sum of fifty dollars; he also owned a number of other pieces of real-estate in and around Mt. Vernon.”
(Pershing, *John Appleseed and His Time*, p. 144.)

EXHIBIT E—1817

EARLY RECOGNITION OF CHAPMAN

My research and travels took me to Boston in Summer of 1935. Here I found what is believed to be the oldest record concerning Johnny Appleseed's connection with Swedenborg Church.

The article pertaining to the eccentric horticulturist was found in a report of the Society for Printing, Publishing and Circulating the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, founder of the Swedenborg new church. The report was dated from Manchester, England, on January 14, 1817.

This writing is of particular importance since it definitely establishes the relationship between Swedenborg and Appleseed who in his travels about this country, according to legends, taught the beliefs of the Church of the New Jerusalem (Swedenborg's church).

A copy of the letter from an American in Philadelphia to a member of the society, contained in the report, follows:

“There is in the western country a very extraordinary missionary of the New Jerusalem. A man has appeared who seems to be almost independent of corporal wants and sufferings. He goes barefooted, can sleep anywhere, in house or out of house, and live upon the coarsest and most scanty fare. He has actually thawed the ice with his bare feet.

“He procures what books he can of the New Church; travels into the remote settlements, and lends them wherever he can find readers, and sometimes divides a book into two or three parts for more extensive distribution and usefulness. This man for years past has been in the employment of bringing into cultivation, in numberless places in the wilderness, small patches (two or three acres) of ground, and then sowing apple seeds and rearing nurseries.

“These become valuable as the settlements approximate, and the profits of the whole are intended for the purpose of enabling him to print all the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and distribute them through the western settlements of the United States.”

EXHIBIT F—1818

ORDER FOR APPLE TREES

Discovery of the following order is attributed to William A. Duff, of Ashland, Ohio, student and historian of Appleseed for the past thirty years. The order was written August 21, 1818 by Johnny Appleseed and is the property of Mrs. Grace D. W. Culler, of Shiloh, Ohio. Mrs. Culler is a great-granddaughter of Eben Rice, and a niece of Rosella Rice, an apostle of Johnny Appleseed.

Mr Martin Mason Iu please
 to let Elbert Rice or beamer have
 thirty eight apple trees and you will
 oblige your friend
 John Chapman
 Richland Co Ohio
 August the 21st 1818

PLATE A

Dear John Oliver One hundred
 and fifty trees when he goes for them
 to some of my nurseries on Mohawk
 river
 John Chapman

PLATE B

John Chapman's Estate dr to
 Richard North for funeral expenses
 Expense of sickness ten dollars
 Expense for laying him out three dollars
 - less forty four cts
 Expense of coffin to Samuel Platts for doing
 March the 17. 1845
 I assign the Above Account over to you
 for
 Richard North

PLATE C

"Mr. Martin Mason, Sir, please to let Eben Rice or bearer have thirty-eight apple trees and you will oblige your friend, John Chapman, Richland Co., Ohio, August 21, 1818." (See Fascimile). Plate A.

EXHIBIT G—1822

CHURCH RECOGNITION OF CHAPMAN

During the summer of 1935, I visited Boston and looked up some records of the Swedenborg Church and Swedenborg College which is located close by the campus of Harvard University. I found among other reports of the church the following paragraph by Daniel Lamont, Secretary.

"One very extraordinary missionary continues to exert, for the spread of divine truth his modest and humble efforts, which would put the most zealous members to blush. We now allude to Mr. John Chapman, from whom we are in the habit of hearing frequently. His temporal employment consists in preceding the settlements, and sowing nurseries of fruit trees, which he avows to be pursued for the chief purpose of giving him an opportunity of spreading the doctrines throughout the western country. In his progress, which neither heat nor cold, swamps nor mountains, are permitted to arrest, he carries on his back all the New Church publications he can procure, and distributes them wherever opportunity is afforded. So great is his zeal, that he does not hesitate to divide his volumes into parts, and by repeated calls, enable the readers to peruse the while in succession. Having no family, and inured to hardships of every kind, his operations are unceasing. He is now employed in traversing the district between Detroit and the closer settlements of Ohio. What shall be the reward of such an individual, where, as we are told in holy writ, *"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever."*

(Journal of the Proceedings of the Fifth General Convention of the New Jerusalem, held at the Temple in the city of Philadelphia, June 3, 5, 1822).

EXHIBIT H—1826

CHAPMAN LEASES LAND

In a recent letter which I received from William A. Duff, of Ashland, he informed me that B. F. Paullin, former recorder of Ashland County discovered a copy of a lease dated April 22, 1826, and recorded August 8, 1829. It was given by John Oliver, landlord, to John Chapman, tenant, and set forth that Oliver was to lease to Chapman one-half acre of fruit land for the period of forty years for the consideration of twenty apple trees. Mr. Duff further stated that the lease read in part as follows:

"The said John Oliver obligates himself, his heirs, executors and administrators to keep and maintain for the said John Chapman, his heirs, executors, and administrators in peaceable possession and enjoyment of said premises for the aforesaid term, and the said John Chapman for his heirs, obligates himself, his heirs, administrators, or executors, by these presents that he will pay, or cause to be paid to the said John Oliver, his heirs, administrators, or executors the above named consideration."

EXHIBIT I—1830

ORDER FOR 150 TREES

"Due John Oliver one hundred and fifty trees when he goes for them to some of my nurseries on Mohican waters.

"JOHN CHAPMAN."

(Pershing, *Johnny Appleseed and His Time*, p. 145). (See Fascimile). Plate B.

EXHIBIT J—1834

LAND ENTRIES

While working on the papers in the settlement of the Chapman estate, I discovered in the office of the auditor of Allen County an old entry or tract book. This record gives the dates when John Chapman entered the four tracts of land in Allen County as follows:

"Milan Township, April 28, 1834. John Chapman c frl S E $\frac{1}{4}$ (N of M) Sec. 28 Town 31 Range 14 42, 11 acres.

"Maumee Township, Ind., May 23, 1834. John Chapman frl S E $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3 Town 31 Range 15 acres 99.03.

"Maumee Township, March 10, 1836. John Chapman S E fr Sec. 4 Town 31 Range 15 18.70 acres. (This is on Ox-Bow Bend).

"Eel River Township, May 16, 1838. John Chapman, S E $\frac{1}{4}$ N W $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 22, Town 32, Range 11, 40 acres."

EXHIBIT K—1840

PURCHASE OF POCKET KNIFE

The Allen County Fort Wayne Historical Society has recently acquired by purchase an old account book used by the business firm of Hamilton-Taber & Company. On Washington's birthday, 1840, Chapman purchased a pocket knife from this firm and it is interesting to note that his name is carried on the ledger as John Appleseed. Apparently he had credit at this store as the account was not settled until April 8, 1840, when he paid cash for the knife. The entry in the account book follows:

"1840—John Appleseed

Feb. 22nd to pockett nife p. 136 .75

4/8/40 by cash for knife .75"

(Hamilton—Taber Acct, Book, page 136)

EXHIBIT L—1845

NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAPMAN'S DEATH

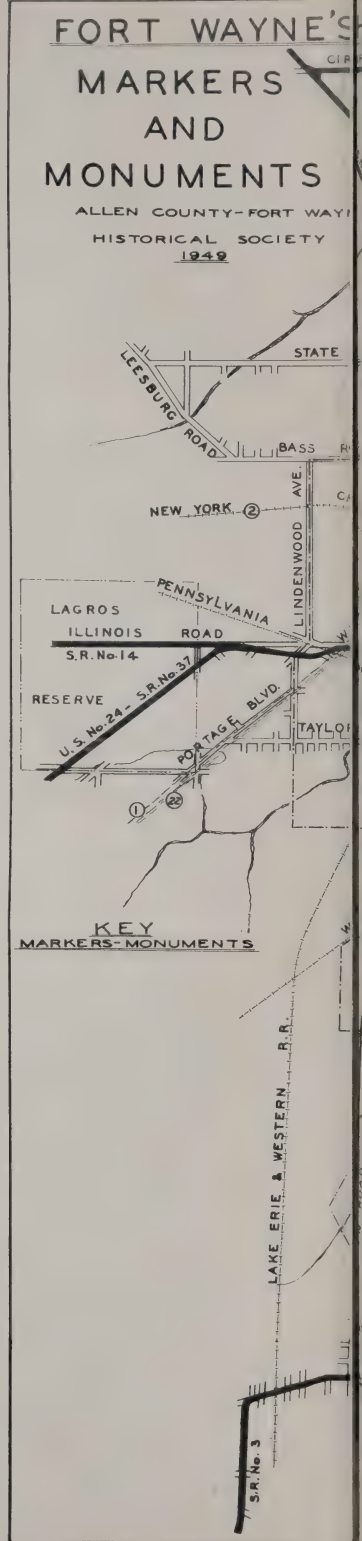
"Dies—In this city on Tuesday last (3-18-1845), Mr. Thomas McJanet, a stone-cutter, age 34 years, a native of Ayshire, Scotland."

Road Map of Fort Wayne

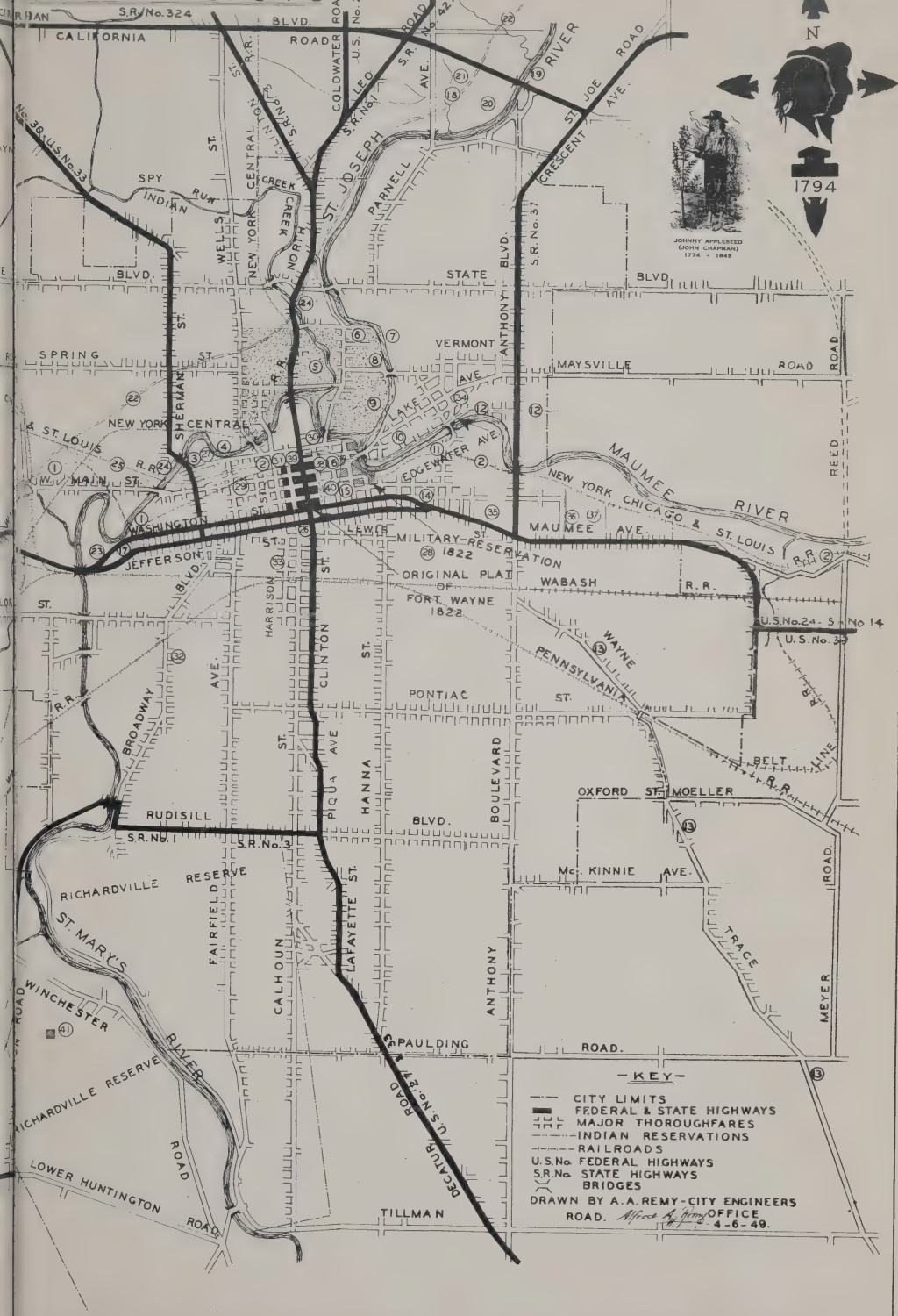
Showing

Historical Spots and Markers

1. Ford of Maumee - Wabash Portage Road.
2. Route of Old Wabash-Erie Canal (Now New York Chicago & St. Louis R.R. "Nickel Plate".)
3. Site of First French Fort 1705. Erected by M. DeVincennes - South Bank of St. Mary's River close to aqueduct.
4. Scene of massacre of Maj. Joseph Jenkinson's Men (1814)
5. Well's Preemption
6. House of Captain Wells, where Little Turtle Died, 1812, Spy Run Avenue.
7. Site of last French Fort built 1750; surrendered to English, 1760, captured by Indians, 1763.
8. Scene of fierce engagement, Harmar's Army, October 22, 1790
9. Lesser Indiana Villages, Scene of Torture of Capt. Thomas Morris, 1765.
10. Miami Town, also called Kiskakon, Kekionga, Omeo Town, Twightwee Villages and French Town,
11. Harmar's Ford, scene of Disaster of United States Regulars, October 22, 1790.
12. Route of Maj. General Wayne's Advance, 1794
13. Wayne Trace, route of Harmar's Advance, 1790, Maj. General Wayne's departure 1794, Harrison's Advance 1812
14. Monument to Maj. General Anthony Wayne. (Mad Anthony)
15. Site of Fort Wayne, built by Wayne.
16. Site of Fort Wayne, rebuilt by Colonel Thomas Hunt, 1800.
17. Fort Wayne Historical Museum.
18. Archer Grave Yard. Grave of John Chapman, ("Johnny Appleseed") Died March 18, 1845.
19. Johnny Appleseed Memorial Bridge.
20. Johnny Appleseed Memorial
21. Allen County Colosseum
22. Old Feeder Canal
23. Marker Tablet, John Chapman
24. Site of Aqueducts Wabash & Erie Canal
25. Canal Basin (Now Freight Yards of New York, Chicago & St. Louis R.R.)
26. Grave Marker to Chief Jean Baptist Richardville, Died August, 13, 1841. Buried 15 feet East and 15 feet South of Southwest Corner of Cathedral. First Catholic Church Built in 1835. School established by Sisters of Providence in 1846.
27. McCulloch Homestead - 616 West Superior Street.
28. Hanna Homestead - 1002 East Lewis Street
29. Ewing Homestead - 406 West Berry Street
30. Location of Log Cabin, Antonie Bondie (Indian Trader 1812)
31. First Building in Town, owned by John J. Bourie and John Peltier, (Indian Traders - Location Northwest Corner of Calhoun & Columbia Street, Lot #46, original plat.
32. Grave of Gov. Samuel Bigger (Died 1840)
33. Lincoln Museum and Library
34. Statue of General Lawton.
35. Concordia College (1861)
36. Statue of Art Smith (Pioneer Aviator)
37. World War I Memorial
38. Marker of First Indian Council House 1804
39. Indian Burial Ground
40. Marker of Site of 1st Public School
W. E. C. Wayne of Lafayette
41. Chief James Godfrey Homestead



HISTORIC SPOTS



"On the same day in this neighborhood, at an advanced age, Mr. John Chapman (better known as Johnny Appleseed).

"The deceased was well known through this region by his excentricity, and the strange garb he usually wore. He followed the occupation of a nurseryman, and has been a regular visitor here upwards of 20 years. He was a native of Pennsylvania we understand but his home—if home he had—for some years past was in the neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio, where he has relatives living. He is supposed to have considerable property, yet denied himself almost the common necessities of life—not so much perhaps for avarice as from his peculiar notions on religious subjects. He was a follower of Swenbrog and devoutly believed that the more he endured in this world the less he would have to suffer and the greater would be his happiness hereafter—he submitted to every privation with cheerfulness and content, believing that in so doing he was securing snug quarters hereafter.

"In the most inclement weather he might be seen barefooted and almost naked except when he chanced to pick up articles of old clothing. Notwithstanding the privations and exposure he endured he lived to an extreme old age, not less than 80 years at the time of his death—though no person would have judged from his appearance that he was 60.

"He always carried with him some work on the doctrines of Swedenbough with which he was perfectly familiar, and would readily converse and argue on his tenets, using much shrewdness and penetration.

"His death was quite sudden. He was seen on our streets a day or two previous."

(Fort Wayne Sentinel, March 22, 1845).

EXHIBIT M—1945

ESTATE PAPERS OF JOHN CHAPMAN

The article by John W. Dawson (Exhibit A) indicated that the estate papers of John Chapman were filed in Allen County, Indiana. On October 17, 1934, the next day after the Dawson article was republished in Fort Wayne newspapers, a search was made in the office of County Clerk Howard Essex, with the help of members of the Clerk's staff, was first to find the estate papers. After a few days, I took up the work of organizing and copying these papers. It was a tedious task for much of the copy was poorly written with many words misspelled.

These papers are numbered, and those of historical value, designated by asterisk, are reprinted under this Exhibit M. The endorsements on the papers giving the contents are used as captions. Anything else of importance on the back of these records appear under the note, "Endorsement." The list of the estate papers which follows may serve as an index to this Exhibit, and the number used with the caption of the various titles corresponds with the index number.

INDEX LIST

- 1.* Affidavit of John Harold.
- 2.* Appointment of John Harold as Administrator.
- 3.* Appraisement of Wm. Broom Improvement on Chapman land—\$155.00.
- 4.* Appraisement of Chapman's Nursery on the Wabash—\$57.50.
- 5.* Appraisement of Chapman's personal property—\$450.00.
- 6.* Relinquishment of rights as Administrator by Percis Broom.
- 7.* Petition of Administrator to sell Chapman's goods at private sale.
8. Bond of John Harold, Thiophilus Wilson, and Peter Fisher.
- 9.* Joseph Hill, Board Bill, Claim.
10. Bond of Franklin Randall and William Rockhill.
11. John Harold, Claim.
- 12.* Report of John Harold—Administrator.
- 13.* Wm. Worth, Board Bill—\$8.75.
- 14.* Claim for funeral and expense of Chapman's sickness made by Richard Worth—\$19.44.
- 15.* Claim for improvement on Chapman's land made by Wm. Broom—\$127.68.
- 16.* Note for \$100.00—made by John Chapman. (See Exhibit C.)
17. Receipt for \$20.00—paid to John Harold, Administrator.
18. Claim for services made by Administrator—\$35.62.
- 19.* Notice of public sale of land for taxes of \$5.83.
- 20.* Notice of public sale of land for taxes of \$2.84.
21. Receipt for \$12.00—paid to John Harold, Administrator.
22. Request for order of the Court to sell real estate—made by F. P. Randall, Adm.
23. Petition to sell realty—appeared in Fort Wayne Sentinel Sept. 30, 1848.
- 24.* Notice of sale of 35 acres of Chapman's land for \$4.50—to Francis Avaline.
- 25.* Report of sale of real estate—Made by Franklin Randall, Adm.
26. Receipt for \$3.00 for making deed—signed by Wm. Carson.
- 27.* Report of estate—made by F. P. Randall, Administrator.
28. Receipt for \$19.44 for claim against estate—Signed by Jesse Coles.
- 29.* Appraisement of land in Jay County—\$222.00.
30. Receipt for \$53.00—paid to Wm. Broom.
31. Receipt for \$42.48—paid to T. Wilson.
- 32.* Report of sale of land to Moses Jenkinson.
- 33.* Report of sale of land to William Carson.
- 34.* Appraisement of land—\$35.60.
35. Receipt for \$63.33 paid to Percis Broom.
36. Receipt for \$10.00 paid to M. Jenkinson for services to estate.
37. Summons by R. McMullen, Sheriff for F. P. Randall to appear in Court of Common Pleas.
38. Receipt from F. P. Randall for \$55.23—Court costs.
- 39.* Final Report of Administrator.
40. Newspaper notice of final settlement by Administrator.
- 41.* Report of Sale of land to John Hathaway.
42. Receipt for \$27.49 paid to R. E. Fleming—fees.

1. AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN HAROLD

State of Indiana Allen County Ss

Personally appeared before me Philip G. Jones Clerk of the Allen Circuit Court in said county John Harold & being duly sworn saith that there are persons who are unlawfully intermeddling with the Estate of John Chapman deceased late of said County whereby the same will be lessened in value to the injury of said Estate & that there is no person having authority to take care of said Estate.

John Harold

Sworn & Subscribed

this 2d April 1845

P. G. Jones Clk

Endorsement: Filed Apl. 2nd 1845

2. APPOINTMENT OF JOHN HAROLD AS ADMINISTRATOR

Know all men by these present that We John Harold and Lysander Williams all of Allen County Indiana are held and firmly bound unto the State of Indiana in the penal sum of three hundred dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment of which well and truly to be paid do we hereby bind ourselves our heirs executors and Administrators severally and jointly and firmly by these present. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 2nd day of April 1845.

The condition of the above obligation is this Whereas the said John Harold has this day been appointed special Administrator of the Estate of John Chapman deceased by the Clerk of the Allen Probate Court Now should the said Harold faithfully and diligently execute the duties and trusts committed to him as such Administrator and obey all orders and decrees of the said Allen Probate Court in and for the County of Allen State of Indiana made pursuant to law touching the Administration of said estate and in all thing perform his duty as said Administrator according to law then the above obligation to be null and void

Else to remain in full force and cirtue

interlined "2d &

"Special" with consent of

parties & Approved

this 2d April 1845

by me

P. G. Jones Clk

John Harold Seal

Lysander Williams Seal

Endorsement:

State of Indiana Allen County SS

Personally appeared before me Clerk of the Probate Court in & for the County of Allen John, Harold & being duly Sworn saith that he will honestly & faithfully discharge the duties & trusts of his appointment as Special Administrator of the estate of John Chapman late of said County According to law Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 2d Apl 1845

P. G. Jones Clk

John Harold

3. APPRAISEMENT OF WM. BROOM IMPROVEMENT ON CHAPMAN LAND

We the undersigned being duly Sworn to appraise the improvement made by Wm. Broom on the lands of John Chapman Deceased. and we therefore appraise the Clearing and fencing of eleven acres and three quarters of land $11\frac{3}{4}$ Acres at \$140.00 in S frac. Nw. qr. section 3 T 24 R 15E and to building one log house

15.00
Total \$155.00

Sherburn A Lewis, John L. Waterman, Appraisers
April 12, 1845

4. APPRAISEMENT OF NURSERY ON THE WABASH

We the undersigned freeholders of Wabash T. P. Jay County Indiana being duly sworn to appraise the chattle property of John Chapman deceased exhibited to us by John Harold Administrator have therefore appraised one gray mare at 17.50 and one nursery of apple trees in the Townships & County afore said and find it to contain 2000 trees on an average of two cents per tree amounting to

40.00
Total 57.50

Sherburn A. Lewis, John L. Waterman.
John Harld Administrator
April 12th 1845

5. APPRAISEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

We the undersigned freeholders of Allen Co. and state of Indiana being duly sworn to Appraise the Chattel property of John Chapman deceased exhibited to us have therefore appraised a nursery of Apple trees lying and being in Milan Township and County & State afore said and find that there is fifteen thousand (15,000) trees in said nursery and we appraise the same on an average at the rate of thre 3 cents per tree amounting to the Sum of four hundred & fifty dollars

\$450.00

Due Bill on

6.00

Thomas McDugal, William Harper, John Nuttle Appraisors
John Harold Signed
Administrator

Endorsement: Filed April 17, 1845

6. RELINQUISHMENT OF RIGHTS TO ADMINISTRATOR

To Mr. George Johnson
Judge of the probate
Court Allen County Indiana

Wabash T. P. Jay County Ind.

Sir, I do hereby renounce all my right to the administration of the estate of my Brother John Chapman deceased, into the hands & care of John Harold my son in law.

Percis Broom

Attest David Waterman, John Harold
April 8 - 1845

Endorsement: Filed April 17, 1845.

7. PETITION OF ADMINISTRATOR TO SELL AT PRIVATE SALE

To the Honorable Judge of the Allen Probate Court. Your Petition who is the Administrator of All and Singular the Goods Chattels rights credits moneys & Effects of John Chapman deceased, late of said County Respectfully sheweth that the personal Estate of said decedent consists entirely of two Nurseries of Apple trees Except one Gray Mare that is known to the undersigned—that the same cannot be sold at public sale without materially lessoning the value thereof. Your Petition therefore asks that he may be permitted to make sale of the same at such times & to such persons as opportunities may offer at private sale at a sum not less than the appraised value thereof and that the same may be ratified by the Court as provided by the statute of the State of Indiana in such case made & provided—

John Harold Adm
By E A McMahon his Atty

Endorsement: Filed May 17, 1845

9. JOSEPH HILL, BOARD BILL CLAIM

Estate of John Chapman

	To Joseph Hill	Dr
1837 to 12 weeks boarding at 2.00 per week		\$24.00
1838 to 18 weeks boarding at 2.00 per week		36.00
1839 to 10 weeks boarding at 2.00 per week		20.00
1840 to 4 weeks boarding at 2.00 per week		8.00
1841 to 2 weeks boarding at 2.00 per week		4.00
1842 to 3 weeks boarding at 2.00 per week		6.00
1843 to 2 weeks boarding at 1.50 per week		3.00
1844 to 2 weeks boarding at 1.50 per week		3.00
		<hr/> 104.00

State of Indiana
Adams County SS

Be it remembered that on this 2nd day of June 1845 Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace of said County, Joseph Hill who being by me duly sworn on his solemn oath saith the above claim is justly due to him said Hill, and that no payments have been made thereon, and that there are no set off against the same to the knowledge of said claimant And farther said deponent saith not.

Joseph Hill

Sworn to and subscribed ~~before me this~~ 2nd day of June 1845.

Samuel Patterson J. P. Seal

Endorsement: Filed June 7, 1845.

12. REPORT OF JOHN HAROLD

State of Indiana
Allen County

Allen Probate Court
August Term A. D. 1845

To the honorable the Judge of the Allen Probate.

The undersigned Administrator of the Estate of John Chapman deceased, respectfully submits the following report of the conditions of said Estate and

the Appointment as special Administrator about the second day of April A. D. 1845 and immediately thereafter proceeded to take Inventory as required by law of the personal property belonging to said Estate. The first of said Inventories dated 4th of April 1845 amounting to the sum of four hundred and fifty six dollars—the second dated 12th of April amounting to fifty seven dollars. In addition to these there is a Judgment in the Court of Common Pleas of Mercer County Ohio against Archibald McIntyr for Sixty Dollars on interest three or four years supposed to be good & collectable—Receipt of Judgment of Josephus Downs Esq a Justice of Mercer County for twelve dollars and Eighteen cents—Note of hand on Thomas McDugal for six dollars—one do—on Nathan Bronson for three dollars.—The Administrator further Reports that since he received said appointment he made Application to the Court to sell the personal Property consisting of Nurseries of Apple Trees at private sale which application was granted and in pursuance thereof said Administrator proceed to sell four hundred of said Apple trees to Charles Muldoon for the sum of twenty four dollars, fourteen dollars of which he received leaving a balance due of ten dollars. Forty to James Hutchison for two dollars & forty cents which has not been paid for.

Said Administrator further Reports that he has been to the seat of Justice of Mercer County to see about the judgment herein referred to & finds the same secured by levy on real Estate which real Estate will probably have to be bid in by the Adm. Said Adm Further Reports that he recvd of D. Thompson three dollars & fifty cents and has paid to the Clerk of the Court for cost of letters & c three dollars & fifty cents—No claims have been presented to the undersigned against said Estate but he has been informed that some have been lodged against said Estate with the Clerk of said Court.

The undersigned believes the foregoing comprises about the sum total of said Court to wit the May term A. D. 1845. F. P. Randall Esq was appointed on the administrators of said Estate, and failing at that term to qualify the business of said Estate has since remained *Statu quo*.

The undersigned asks that the foregoing may be recvd as a full Exhibit & showing of his acts in the premises & that he as such special Administrator may be discharged & permitted to commence a new stewardship under his regular letters. All which is respectfully submitted.

John Harold.

(I made a visit to the Court House at Mercer, Ohio and found a record in the Court of Common Pleas in which this judgment of \$60.00 was rendered. The note for three months was dated August 3, 1841. A suit was entered August 26, 1844 and the jurors were (1) William Harris (2) Thomas O'Dell (3) David Sause (4) Samuel Downs (5) Elijah Moody (6) John Street. Robert C. Harris).

13. WM. WORTH BOARD BILL

John Chapman dr to Richard Worth
for Bording five weeks since the year 1840 at \$7.50 Sundry times upto the

year 1845 March the 10
1.25 at One Dolar and a halfe Per weeke

8.75

Endorsement: Filed Aug. 19, 1845.

14. CLAIM, FUNERAL AND SICKNESS

John Chapman's Estate dr to	16.00
	<hr/> 3.44
	19.44

Richard Worth for funeral expences

Expence of sickness ten dollars

Expence for laying him out three dollars forty four cents

Expence of coffin to Samuel Fletter Six Dolar

March the 17, 1845

I Assine the Above Account over to Jesse Cole

Richard Worth

Endorsed: Filed Aug. 19, 1845 and allowed

(See Fascimile). Plate C.

15. CLAIM, WM. BROOM

The Estate of John Chapman Dece to Wm Broom

	Dr
In 1843 and 1844 to clearing 4 acres of land and fencing the same	\$48.00
To building Log house 18 by 21 feet	40.00
To scoreing and hewing timber for a frame barn 30 by 40 feet	
1834 feet of timber	36.68

\$124.68

To Survey J. Chapman Land

003.00

total amount

\$127.68

That such clame is justly due to him that no payment have been made thereon and that there are no set-offs against the sum to the knowledg of such claimant William Broom Wabash Township Jay County Inda Nov 12-1845 Sworn and subscribed before me a justice of the peace in and for the County of Jay this 12th day of Nov 1845.

Matthew Van Derroof J. P. Seal

Endorsed: Filed Nov. 14, 1845

19. NOTICE: SALE FOR TAXES

No. 764

\$5.83

I, Henry W. Jones, County Auditor in and for the County of Allen and State of Indiana, do hereby certify that at a public sale held by the County Treasurer of said County, which commenced on the first Monday in January, 1847 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., and continued until Tuesday the 5th day of January aforesaid, he did on said 5th day of January aforesaid, at the Court House door in the city of Fort Wayne in said county, legal notice having been duly given, sell to Franklin P. Randall the following described tract of land,

to wit:

The SE frac $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 4 and the SE frac $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 3
Town 31 R 15.

for Five dollars and 83 cents, being the amount of taxes, interest, penalty and charges due on said land for the year 1845 & 46 the receipt of which the said Treasurer has officially acknowledged to me by filing in my office, being the highest and best bidder for the same for ready cash.

Said lands being assessed in the name of John Chapman And farther, that the said Franklin P. Randall will be entitled to a deed for the said lands at the expiration of two years from the date hereof if same be not previously redeemed.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand as such Auditor as aforesaid, at Fort Wayne, this 7th day of January, A. O. 1847.

Per I. P. Jones

733783

H. W. Jones
Auditor of Allen County

20. NOTICE: SALE FOR TAXES

No. 798

\$2.84

To the County Surveyor of
Allen County Indiana

I, Henry W. Jones, County Auditor in and for the County of Allen and State of Indiana, do hereby certify that at a public sale held by the County Treasurer of said County, which commenced on the first Monday in January, 1847 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., and continued until Wednesday the 6th day of January aforesaid, he did on said 6th day of January aforesaid, at the Court House door in the city of Fort Wayne in said county, legal notice having been duly given, sell to Franklin Randall the following described tract of land, to wit:

Five Acres of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22 Town 32 R11

E for the taxes on the whole of the said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

for Two dollars and 84 cents, being the amount of taxes, interest, penalty and charges due on said land for the year 1845 & 46 the receipt which the said Treasurer has officially acknowledged to me by filing the same in my office, being the highest and best bidder for the same for ready cash. Said land being assessed in the name of John Chapman And father, that the said Franklin P. Randall will be entitled to a deed for the said Five Acres at the expiration of two years from the date hereof if the same be not previously redeemed.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand as such Auditor as aforesaid, at Fort Wayne, this 7th day of January, A. D. 1847.

H. W. Jones
Auditor Allen County.

24. NOTICE OF SALE 35 ACRES OF LAND TO FRANCIS AVALINE

No 1243

\$4.50

To the County Surveyor
State of Indiana, Allen County, Ss.

I, Henry W. Jones, Auditor of the County of Allen, in the state of Indiana, do hereby certify that at a public sale held by S. M. Black, Treasurer of said County, which commenced on the First day of January 1849, within the hours prescribed by law, and continued until Saturday the Sixth day of January aforesaid, that he did, on the said Fifth day of January, at the Court House door, in Fort Wayne, in said County legal notice having been given, sell to Francis S. Avaline.

Thirty five Acres of Land

To wit:

Part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 22 T 32 R 11 E
for the sum of Four 50/100 Dollars that being the amount of taxes, interest, penalty, and cost, due on said Part SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 22 T 32 R 11 E
for the year 1847 & 1848 The receipt for the payment of which to said Treasurer has been fixed in my office, the said Francis S. Avaline being the best bidder for ready cash. Said Lands being assessed in the name of Jno. Chapman And further, that the said Francis S. Avaline will be entitled to a deed for the said tract so purchased, as above described, at the expiration of two years from the date of such sale, if the same be not previously redeemed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Auditor aforesaid, at Fort Wayne this 6th day of January 1849.

H. W. Jones

Aud.

25. REPORT OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE 42.11 ACRES

To the honorable Nelson McLain Probate
Judge of Allen County

The undersigned administrator of the Estate of John Chapman would respectfully report that in pursuance of an order of this honorable Court made at the Last Term, thereof the undersigned has sold at private sale the following Canal land Certificate to wit No 1109, being for the fractional South East quarter North of the Maumee River of Section No 28 in Township No Thirty one north of Range 14 East containing forty two 11/100 Acres to Peter Schlinck of said county for the sum of thirty dollars for the interest of said John Chapman Estate in the same it being appraised of no value above what is due to the State of Indiana which sale he asks to be confirmed and the administrator ordered to assign the Said Certificate to the purchasor aforesaid.

All which is respectfully Submitted

F. P. Randall, Adm.

Endorsed: Filed March 29, 1849

27. REPORT OF ESTATE—F. P. RANDALL

I, F. P. Randall Administrator of the Estate of John Chapman decd make the following report.

I am not chargeable with any personal property, none having come to my hands.

I am chargeable with the amount of Sale of real Estate Sold March 1849

to Peter Schlinck	30.00
I am chargable with the amount of sale of real Estate	
Sold March 1851 to John Hathaway	120.00

150.00

I claim credits for the following payments

1. John Harold former Adm	32.00
2. F. S. Avaline	10.21
3. Wm. Worth	8.75
4. Wm. W. Carson	3.00
5. Taxes	8.67
6. Jesse Coles last Sickness	19.44
Adm. fees 5 per cent on \$150.00 Assigning Canal Land Certificate	
For other Services rendered Said Estate as Admin to this date	30.00

\$124.57

Leaving in my hands at this time \$25.43

That there are claims now on filed in the Clerks Office vs Said Estate Amounting to Over Six Hundred dollars apart of which has been allowed by the court.

Endorsement.

That there are yet the following tracts of Land belonging to said Estate unsold SE fr of N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. 3 Town 24 North R 15 East—74.04 appraised at \$222.00 also E fr. S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S 4 T. 31 R 15 East 18 70/100 acres Appraised at \$37.60.

Filed Dec. 27, 1853.

29. APPRAISEMENT OF LAND—JAY COUNTY.

We the undersigned two reputabl house holders of the Neighbourhood being called on to appraise the South fraction of North West quarter of Section three townShip twenty four North of Range fifteen East in Jay County Indiana the real estate of John Chapman deceased do apprise the same at \$222 the same being a fair price for the same after deducting all incumbrances.

C. J. Plumb

Jacob Champes

Endorsed: Filed Jan. 13, 1854

32. REPORT OF SALE TO MOSES JENKINSON

John Chapmans Est

C. C. Please Allen County
January Term 1854

The undersigned Administrator of the Estate of John Chapman afore-said would respectfully report. That in pursuance of an order made by the Probate Court of Said County the undersigned has sold to Moses Jenkinson the following tract of Land to wit—The South East fraction of the North West quarter of section three in Township Twenty four (24) North of Range

fifteen East Containing Seventy four 04/100 (74.04) Acres for the sum of Two Hundred & twenty two dollars which is the full appraised value therefor upon the following terms. One third Cash in hand, One third in three months, & one third in Six months from this date with interest from this date on deferred payments. Which Sale he asks the Court to approve & confirm Said Sale.

F. P. Randall
Admi

January 20th 1854

33. REPORT OF SALE TO WILLIAM CARSON

State of Indiana
Allen County Ss.

Court of Common Pleas
Jany Term 1854

To the Honorable the Judge of Said Courts. I, Franklin P. Randall as Administrator of the Estate of John Chapman deceased respectfully report to said Court that in pursuance of an order of said Court. I have this day sold to Wm. W. Carson the following described tract of land situat in said County belong in to Said Estate to wit: The East fraction of the South East quarter of section four in TownShip thirty one North of Range fifteen East Containing (18 70/100) Eighteen acres & seventy hundredths of an Acre more or less for the price & sum of Thirty Seven dollars & Sixty Cents that being the full appraised value thereof, to be paid one third Cash in hand one third in six & the remaining one third in twelve months: But the Said Wm. W. Carson preferring so to do has paid the entire purchase money in hand and is entitled to a deed for said tract of land I therefore as such administrator respectfully request the Court to Confirm said sale and order a deed to be executed to the said Wm. W. Carson for said tract of land.

F. P. Randall
Admi

Sworn to & subscribed before
me this 21 day of Jany 1854
Joseph Sinclear Clk

34. APPRAISEMENT OF LAND—\$35.60

The following is an Inventory of a part of the Real Estate of John Chapman deceased taken by F. P. Randall Admr of said Estate and appraised by John P. Waters & John Johnson appraisers to wit: The East fraction of the South East quarter of Section four in Township thirty one North of Range fifteen East situate in said County Containing 18 70/100 acres more or less. Which tract of land we the undersigned appraisers appraise at the sum of Thirty five dollars and sixty cents.

Witness our hands as such appraisers this 21st day of Jany A. D. 1854.

J. P. Waters
John Johnson
appraisers

39. FINAL REPORT—ADMINISTRATOR

I Franklin P. Randall Administrator of the Estate of John Chapman report to the court of common pleas the following final Settlement account.

No personal property came to my hands.

I am chargable with the following sums received from Sale of Real Estate towit

Sale of Peter Slinch March 1849	30.00
Sale to John Hathaway March 1851	120.00
Sale to Wm. Wm Carson Jan. 1854	37.60
Sale to Moses Jenkinson Jan. 1854	222.00
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	\$409.60

I claim credit for the following payments towit

1. John Harold	32.00
2. F. S. Avaline	10.21
3. Wm. Worth	8.75
4. Wm. W. Carson	3.00
5. Taxes	8.67
6. Jsse Coles	19.44
7. Moses Jenkinson assign of Broom	53.00
8. T. Wilson assign of Broom	42.48
9. Moses Jenkinson	35.00
10. R. E. Fleming	27.49
11. P. G. Jones	
12. I Sinclean Est & I. D. G. Nelson	55.23
5 per cent fees	20.45
For other servus as administrator	20.55
13. Moses Jenkinson assign of Broom	63.33
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	\$409.60

Endorsement. All of which contains a full statement of all the Estate of the decedent for which I am chargable with credits to which I am entitled.

F. P. Randall

Admi

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 24, Dem 1855.

I. D. G. Nelson, Clk.

Final Report pending Filed Dec 25 1855

I. D. G. Nelson, Clk.

41. REPORT OF SALE TO JOHN HATHAWAY

To the Honorable Nelson McLain Probate Judge of Allen County.

The undersigned Administrator of the Estate of John Chapman deceased would respectfully report that he has Sold to John Hathaway the following real Estate belonging to said Chapman Estate to sit the South East quarter of the north west quarter of section No. 22 in Town ship thirty two north of Range. Eleven East containing forty acres for the sum of One hundred & twenty dollars. Said sale was made at private Sale, for its full appraised value. And he would further report that all of the purchase money has Since been paid to the

undersigned. And he would ask said Sale to be confirmed & a commission appointed to execute a deed to the purchasor.

Respectfully Submitted

F. P. Randall

Adm

Endorsed: Filed Oct. 27, 1857

EXHIBIT N—1947

McKAY FAMILY DONATION

The Johnny Appleseed Memorial Park became a realty Oct. 20, 1947 when William T. McKay and Ruth B. McKay, his wife, donated a tract of land of 12 acres to Allen County. The Commissioners of Allen County accepted the land and the provision that it be improved and maintained as a public park and as a memorial to Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman). The grave of Johnny Appleseed is located on this land.

The Fort Wayne Common Council in Regular Session Tuesday, April 26, 1949, passed General Ordinance No. 2317.

AN ORDINANCE naming and designating certain real estate belonging to the City of Fort Wayne, as "Johnny Appleseed Memorial Park and Beach."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

1. That all of the land and real estate belonging to the City of Fort Wayne on both sides of the St. Joseph River, from Parnell Avenue, up the river, except that part now named Hanna's Ford Park be named and designated as the "Johnny Appleseed Memorial Park."

2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after publication and approved by the Mayor.

ARTHUR A. HERBER
CHARLES H. BOYER

The Ordinance as amended was read the third time in full and on motion was now passed as amended by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz: Alter, Boyer, Boylan, Burns, Franke, Fuhrman, Herber, Lindenberg, Nahrwold.

Nays, none.

EXHIBIT O—1945

ORGANIZATIONS

Three organizations have contributed much to arousing and maintaining an interest in the John Chapman history as it is related to Fort Wayne:



THE JOHNNY APPLESEED MEMORIAL COMMISSION
AND
ASSOCIATION

WM. H. FRUECHTENICHT, L.L.B., PRESIDENT
VICTOR H. HILGEMANN, D.D.S., TREASURER
ROBERT C. HARRIS, A.B., M.A., SECRETARY

WM. T. MCKAY
ARTHUR A. HERBER
JOHN H. CRAIG

Members in picture. Victor H. Hilgemann, Wm. T. McKay, Arthur A. Herber, John H. Craig, Robert C. Harris.

The Johnny Appleseed Memorial Commission, endeavoring to create a living memorial to the acts and ideals of Johnny Appleseed is emphasizing these four objectives:

1. To fittingly mark and preserve the burial place of Johnny Appleseed;
2. To establish a park for recreational and educational purposes;
3. To aid and encourage historical research;
4. To sponsor and promote the spirit of service to mankind by educational means

The members of the commission are: William Fruechtenicht, President; Arthur A. Herber, Vice-President; Victor E. Hilgemann, Treasurer; Robert C. Harris, Secretary.

The Johnny Appleseed Memorial Association was organized November 28, 1934, with the following officers:

William Fruechtenicht, President; Dr. Victor Hilgemann, Treasurer; Robert C. Harris, Secretary. William T. McKay was made Vice-President of this Association on June 27, 1945, John H. Craig, 1948.

The permanent Johnny Appleseed Committee of the Allen County Fort Wayne Historical Society consists of Judge Harry Hilgemann, Chairman, William Fruechtenicht and Robert C. Harris.

FRONTISPIECE

A student in Oberlin College made a memory drawing of Johnny Appleseed which was reproduced by lithograph. The Museum owns a photograph of this early lithograph from which the frontispiece in this issue of the Old Fort News was made.



The Marker was placed on the grave of Johnny Appleseed by the Optimist Club of Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 25, 1935. The fence was a gift of Stephen Fleming. It was installed around the grave by the Indiana Horticulture Society in 1916.

In the picture, Left to right: James Menefee, President, Optimist Club; William Fruechtenicht, Robert C. Harris, Dr. Victor H. Hilgeman, President, secretary and treasurer respectively, of the Johnny Appleseed Memorial Commission.



Air Picture

Showing

Johnny Appleseed Grave
Johnny Appleseed Memorial Bridge

